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MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 7am, 9am & 5.30pm
10.30am (Italian)

Weekday: 6.30am & 9am
Monday - Friday
8am Saturday
& Public Holidays

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8.30am - 9.00am
5.30pm - 6.00pm
or by appointment

PARISH TEAM

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Spread the Word

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2nd Sunday of Advent

5 December 2021

The community of Our Lady of Graces acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary.

John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony.



The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this.



Advent & 2022 Resources

The following resources are available from the Parish Shop & Parish Office.

- Blessed Reflection Book (\$5)
- New Life in Christ Reflection Book (\$5)
- Christmas Isn't Just One Day Children Activity Book + Advent Calendar (\$2)
- 2022 Columban Calendars (\$10)



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PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 5 December

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Monday 6 December

- 7.00pm Pastoral & Finance Councils – Library

- 7.00pm RCIA – Aquinas Room

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 7 December

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 9.30am Scripture Group – Library

- 10.30am Funeral – Church

- 7.30pm Social Justice Group – Library

Wednesday 8 December

- 10.30am Funeral – Church

- 12noon Hour of Grace – Church

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 9 December

- 9.30am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 10.30am Funeral – Church

Saturday 11 December

- 7.00am Parish Working Bee – Church & Grounds

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
Fr Anthony Lemon, Sonja Robinson, Marie Atkinson, Lynn Toon, Elliott Jones-Perrin, Pamela O'Reilly, Noah Riley those whose anniversaries occur around this time Adolf Pieper, William Callow, Gerald & Teresa Simento, Mark Roff and the recently deceased Barbara Reich, Ornella Facini, Rita Wilkinson, Graeme Barwick, Len Pashen, Venera Sorbello, Zita Parolin.

2022 Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2022 are available for collection from the front door of the church this weekend. Some givers will have a new envelope number due to a reduction of envelope givers. If you cannot find your envelopes, please contact the parish office on 3398 2977 or carina@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Working Bee

Our Parish Working Bee, in preparation for Christmas, will be held on Saturday 11 December from 7am onwards. Please come along and give a hand, if you are available to assist.

Advent Adventures

*Fun, games, craft
and sausage sizzle*

Age: 5 & above (anyone under age 5 needs to be accompanied by an adult)

Cost per day: \$5 per child &
\$10 for two or more siblings

What to Bring: Morning Tea, Hat & Water
Lunch: Sausage Sizzle (gluten free sausages)

Dates & Times:

Wednesday 15 December, 9.15am – 12.30pm

Monday 20 December, 9.15am – 12.30pm

RSVP: sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au or call the parish office on 3398 2977.



Sacramental Program 2022

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Enrolment forms are available from the parish office.
Enrolments close on Tuesday 1 March 2022.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

At this time of the year the members of St Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Graces are busy starting to prepare Christmas Hampers for a number of families and individuals in need within our local community. This year as in previous years Parish Members have a variety of ways that they may like to be involved to assist with this Christmas Appeal -



- Donation of non-perishable Christmas foods.
- Donation of toiletries.
- Donation of grocery gift cards or store gift cards.
- Financial donations.
- Sponsor of a family in need in our local community.

If you would like to find out further information about this important Appeal, please contact myself directly on 0438 982 140 or brdougherty@bigpond.com.

To donate via bank transfer, please use the following account details:

- St Vincent de Paul Our Lady of Graces Carina
- BSB: 064 786
- Account Number: 100026584

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Barbara Dougherty
President, SVdP Our Lady of Graces

Thank You & Farewell to Barbara Dougherty

For many years, parishioner, Barbara Dougherty has led Our Lady of Graces Conference of St Vincent de Paul. Barbara and her family will soon be leaving our parish and so she must relinquish her role as president of our conference. During her time as president of our conference, Barbara has continued to be very active in its charitable Christian ways.

We thank Barbara for the energy, leadership, dedication and the on-going charitable disposition with which she has always applied herself in helping Christ's poor. She has been a tower of strength.

Barbara will be greatly missed in our SVdP group – we wish the family and herself happiness and fulfillment, and that providence be kind to them as she leaves behind the many friends, grateful St Vincent de Paul members and the great number of people she has assisted in recent years.

Farewell Barbara, and God Bless.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is currently only being celebrated by appointment. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment.



Parish Giving App

No Cash? No Problem! You can now give via the *Parish Giving app*, which is set up specifically for parishioners to connect electronically to their Parish for regular and one-off giving. The giving app QR code is being incorporated into the green dots on the pews, so you can easily scan the code and make your contribution at Mass.



Christmas 2021

Once again it is time to start planning your Christmas celebrations and to book for Christmas Mass.

Christmas Eve

- 6pm Our Lady of Graces Church
- 6pm Dominic Centre
- 8pm Our Lady of Graces Church

Christmas Day

- 7am Dominic Centre
- 9am Dominic Centre
- 10.30am [Italian] Our Lady of Graces Church

Note: NO Evening Mass on Christmas Day



The booking system for the Christmas Masses is now open. Please go to the parish website www.carinacatholicparish.org.au, click on the "Christmas Mass" icon and select the Christmas Mass time and venue you wish to attend. For the Christmas Eve 6pm Masses, note there is no venue swapping allowed on the evening.

If you cannot access a computer, please phone the parish office (3398 2977) to make your booking.

No bookings are required for the 10.30am Italian Mass on Christmas Day.

For all of these Masses to proceed as planned, **we will need lots of helpers!**

We will need many marshals and ushers at each Mass, as well as the usual Mass ministries. Also, assistance will be required a few days before and after Christmas to help set-up and pack-up the Dominic Centre. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist.

Archdiocese of Brisbane COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

Volunteers who are required to be vaccinated under the Archdiocese of Brisbane COVID-19 Vaccination Policy include those individuals who deliver or undertake activities:

- with children and vulnerable adults
- in homes, in workplaces, and hospitals and health care settings working with any person (this is not limited to children and vulnerable adults only)

Typical volunteer roles that will require vaccination:

- Administration work in parish office
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion who attend to the sick in hospitals or private residence
- Hospital Chaplains
- Outreach - Homeless Support including children
- Safeguarding Local Officer
- Youth Co-ordinator
- Ministries involving children such as: Catechists, Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental Coordinators and Altar Server Coordinators

UPDATE: Volunteers in the above roles will need to supply a copy of their Vaccination Certificate to the Parish Office.

If you have questions about the policy or its implementation, contact the People and Culture Team at hroffice@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3146. The Archdiocesan Vaccination Policy is available at brisbanecatholic.org.au/assets/uploads/AoB-Vaccination-Policy-15-Nov-2021.pdf.

ADVENT has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Concert Series

Advent is the season of hope, of expectation, and of joy. Come along to the Cathedral of St Stephen each Sunday afternoon throughout Advent at 5.00pm to enjoy glorious music of the season performed by the Cathedral Music Department. Admission \$30/\$25.

- 5 December: Dominic Perissinotto (Cathedral Organist)
- 12 December: Annika Hinrichs, soprano, and guest artists
- 19 December: Christopher Trikilis (Director of Music)

St James College, Spring Hill progressive multicultural Catholic Co-Educational Secondary College in the tradition of Edmund Rice (EREA) is still welcoming enrolment enquiries for **vacancies in 2022 in Years 7 – 12**. Welcoming students from diverse backgrounds and abilities, so they can flourish in their learning and realise their potential.

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Sistine Chapel Exhibition

Take a life-size up-close perspective of Michaelangelo's Sistine Chapel. With special expertise and care, the ceiling paintings from the Chapel have been reproduced in a truly unique way using high-definition photos. Visitors are given a way to engage with the artwork in ways that were never before possible; seeing every detail, every brushstroke, and every colour of the artists 34 frescoes.

Tickets: Adults for \$22 per person; VIP Adult \$28 per person; Seniors or students \$17.60 per person, VIP Senior of Student \$23; Children for \$15.50 per person
Venue: The Ice Cream Factory, Level 2, West Village, 97 Boundary Road, West End 4101.

Visit <https://feverup.com/m/101306> for bookings

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